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## Inside

### Engineering

In recently adding a computer engineering major, Harding made its first move into the field. For a look at the new program and a profile of Dr. Bob Douglas, professor of computer engineering, see page four.

### Cross Country wins Regional

Both the men's and women's cross country teams won the NCAA Division II South Regional last Saturday in Atlanta. The squads advance to the Division II National Championship Meet Nov. 17 in Slippery Rock, Pa. For more information, see page seven.

## In brief

- **An encore presentation** of the Homecoming musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Benson Auditorium. The show, which is free and open to students and the public, is being made on behalf of the meeting for presidents of Christian colleges scheduled on Harding's campus next week. Ticket details were not available at press time.

- **The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences** and *The Daily Citizen* will present the Taste of Home Cooking School Thursday in the Benson Auditorium. Vendor booths will open at 4 p.m.; a two-hour show, including a live demonstration of 13 recipes, will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6. FCS students will serve as assistants on stage and help with setup and hosting.

- **The Student Association** will sponsor the first Singing Under the Stars Tuesday at 10 p.m. on the front lawn. It will be time of relaxation and worship; curfew will be extended until midnight. Free hot chocolate will be provided.

- **Harding will participate in Project Angel Tree** again this year. Student Association President Steve Cloer said students will be able to help supply gifts to children who have parents in the White County Detention Center. The SA will announce more details on how to participate after Thanksgiving break.

- **In the Nov. 2 issue** of *The Bison*, the article about the Homecoming musical contained an error. The article incorrectly stated that Mike Chance played the part of Potiphar. Chance directed the orchestra for the show, but Dr. J. Warren Casey, professor of music, was Potiphar.

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# Computer lab burglarized

Stolen equipment valued at more than \$15,000; similar thefts at UCA, Hendrix

Jeffrey Hunter  
Staff writer

**H**arding was recently added to a growing list of Arkansas universities that have been victims of major thefts involving technology equipment.

More than \$15,000 worth of new computer lab equipment was stolen from Harding's Pryor Science Center during the early morning hours of Oct. 27, according to officials.

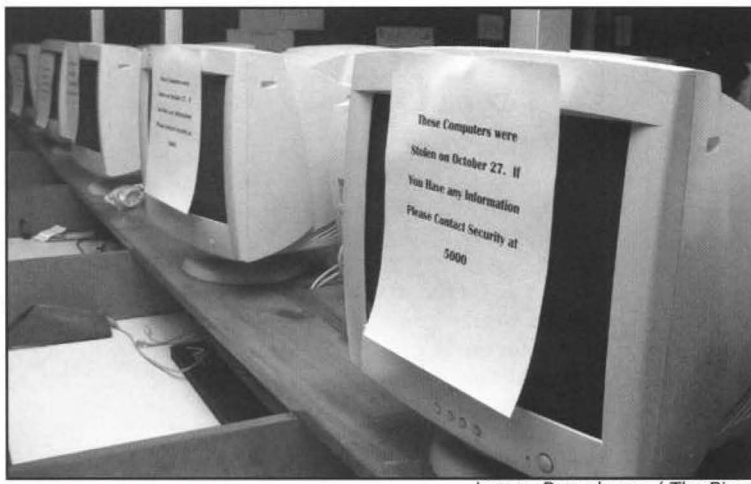
Over the past two months, Hendrix College and the University of Central Arkansas, both in Conway, also had technology equipment stolen.

As in the other cases, computers and digital imaging equipment were stolen from Harding.

Five computers and two digital projectors were removed from a locked computer lab and an adjacent classroom sometime between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m., while the building was locked.

The case is still under investigation by the Searcy Police Department.

"We know that the building was locked by security and that the officer on duty did the nightly run-through," said



Jeremy Beauchamp / The Bison

**Signs inform students** about the Oct. 27 computer thefts from a lab in the science building. More than \$15,000 worth of equipment was stolen, but the computer monitors were not taken.

David Crouch, director of public relations.

According to the report filed by Searcy Police Officer Josh Seaman, there were no signs of outside entry into the building.

"There is a chance that they were hiding out in the building, waiting," Crouch said. "As far as we can tell, they went through the restroom ceiling into the computer lab."

The theft was discovered when the lab was opened for public use later that morning by lab manager Roland Latifi, a senior.

"I came in during the morning

as I normally did," Latifi said. "Then I noticed that the computers were gone."

The incident at Harding has shown similarities to other incidents involving the theft of computers and other technology equipment at Arkansas' universities.

Hendrix was the victim of a burglary that involved the theft of five computers.

According to the report filed by the Conway police, \$15,000 worth of computer equipment was removed from Ellis Hall during the night of Oct. 13.

The case is still under investigation with no leads.

In another unsolved case, UCA reported a similar incident on Sept. 17 that involved the theft of computers, digital cameras and other imaging equipment from a university classroom building.

"We know that those involved entered into the room where the keys are held by going through the ceiling from the janitor's closet," UCA Patrol Commander Arch Bradley said. "After taking the keys, they were able to enter the rooms and take the equipment."

In all, more than \$12,000 worth of technology was stolen.

No changes in Harding security procedures have been made as a result of the incident, Crouch said.

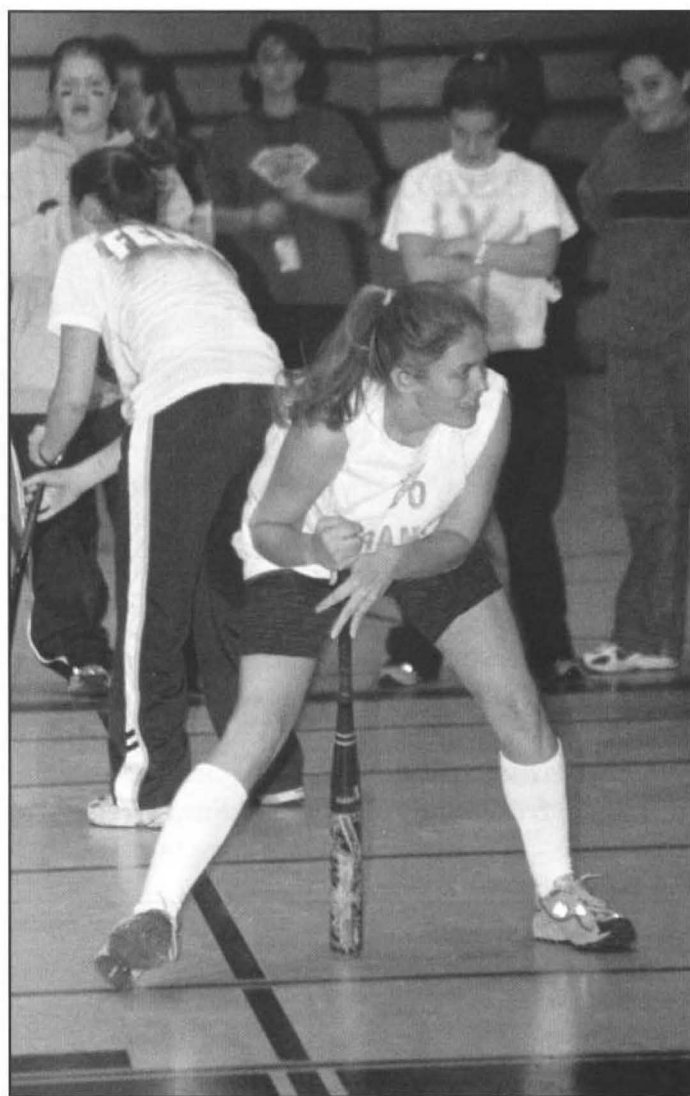
"They will continue to do everything the same," he said. "They will lock the doors and go through the building every night just like before."

The cost of replacing the missing computers should be covered by Harding's insurance, Crouch said.

"Everything was new," Latifi said. "It was all such really nice equipment."

Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to call Harding security at 279-5000.

## A dizzying week



Jeremy Beauchamp / The Bison

**Freshman Kristin Barnes**, a Shantih inductee, spins around a bat during a relay race as part of Silly Olympics Tuesday night in the Ganus Athletic Center. For a recap of this week's induction activities, see page three.

## HU takes precautions against bio-terrorism

Chad Lawson  
Copy editor

In an effort to prepare Harding for any potential threats of bio-terrorism, university officials recently instituted a short-term game plan to deal with emergencies involving anthrax.

Although government officials revealed this week that it appeared the wave of outbreaks of the disease, which is caused by a spore-forming bacterium found in warmblooded farm animals, had run its course, the threat of further terrorist attacks on America still looms large, according to Tom Ridge, U.S. homeland security director.

With the country on its highest state of alert, Harding's post office, which contains both local and federal departments, was instructed by university and postal officials to be on the lookout for suspicious mail.

Tobey Nickels, director of the campus post office, said that although her staff was prepared to handle situations where anthrax may come into play, they weren't especially worried the disease would make its way to Harding. However, she said the emergence of the potentially lethal disease had increased the awareness of postal workers across the nation.

"We've become much more alert," Nickels said. "If a student receives something suspicious in

the mail, we don't want them to hesitate to bring it to us. Don't pass it on to your friends. We're aware of the situation, but we handle a lot of mail."

In September, Nickels said the post office sorted 433,000 pieces of incoming and outgoing mail — making it easy for small pranks to make it through the system.

"I don't think the university realizes the volume we handle," she said. "We haven't experienced any big pranks, but I've heard of some things that have happened on campus. This is very serious business."

To prepare the post office's 12 full-time staff members and 16 student workers for potential anthrax emergencies, Buddy Rowan, Harding's vice president for finance and chief financial officer, provided the workers with an arsenal of sealable plastic bags and latex gloves to handle and detain suspicious mail. With the aid of the campus security office, Rowan oversees the university's risk management efforts.

"Abilene Christian University had an anthrax scare with a suspicious letter, and, although we thought the chances of something happening here are slim, we felt that we needed to take some kind of action and be alert," Rowan said.

A detailed letter with several mentions of anthrax sent to ACU's international office in early October

See Anthrax, page 3



## Tuesdays with Huckabee



### The Cookie Jar

Ryan Cook  
Editor

Despite my senior status, I felt like an inductee Tuesday morning. Showing up in chapel in shirt and tie, I was clad like many people pledging various men's clubs on campus.

As an officer in my social club, that obviously wasn't the case. After chapel, I left for a quick trip to Little Rock, where I joined more than a dozen other college newspaper editors from around the state for lunch with Governor Mike Huckabee.

While most of you were enjoying a fine helping of mystery meat from Aramark, I was enjoying a gourmet meal of salad, broccoli, baked potato, filet mignon and chocolate chip pie with the state's chief executive.

As you might imagine, it was a rather stuffy and intimidating environment. Not through any doing of the governor's, however.

As I had noticed during several previous encounters with Huckabee, he does everything he can in each situation to make those with him feel comfortable despite his place in society.

At first, our group of normally loud and aggressive newspaper reporters seemed strangely silent. As dinner began, however, the governor did his best to break the ice.

After asking each of us about our plans for the future, he shared a few funny stories, such as his recent visit with Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove. They had a joint event in south Arkansas on Monday, just two days after the Hogs' seven-overtime victory at Ole Miss.

"It couldn't have been a worse timing for that poor sap," Huckabee said about his chance for harassment.

As the plates were cleared and we slowly gained confidence in the intimidating environs of the Governor's Mansion, we turned our attention to weightier matters.

On the top of all of our question lists was the future of Arkansas Governor's Scholars and Arkansas Academic Challenge scholarships, which are being threatened by budget cuts.

"I don't think [the cuts] will affect the students who are in [college] already," Huckabee said. "There is a good chance that there will be serious cuts or a one-year moratorium [for the class of 2002]."

"... It's regrettable, but we can't print our own money."

Other topics addressed ranged from price gouging on Sept. 11 to downtown revitalization ("You can't run government by remote control," he said.) and from school prayer to the anthrax scares around the state.

It was a great few hours to get some small-group time with our governor. And since I am not an Arkansas taxpayer, I'd like to thank those of you who are for lunch.

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## Our view: 'Joseph' brought a dream show

We were happy to hear that the Searcy community and Harding students will have another chance to see Joseph "Go, Go, Go" in his coat of many colors.

At the request of President David Burks, an encore presentation of the Homecoming musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," is scheduled for Monday at 7:30 p.m. Best

of all, at least for poor college students who missed earlier showings, admission is free.

"It's a great honor to be asked to do this again," Producer Cindee Stockstill said. "We're very excited about it."

Burks requested the additional performance several months ago, Stockstill said. After investigating the cost involved, Burks decided to go ahead. The additional

show is being funded through Burks' office.

We think "Joseph" was an excellent choice for the annual musical. The cast did a great job with the show, once again featuring the wealth of talent found at this university.

If you missed the show last weekend, we recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity.

## Dishonesty hurts the learning process

Matthew 7:1 warns us to "not judge, or you too will be judged." How many times have we heard this verse used by someone to justify his or her behavior? As soon as someone's decisions or morality are questioned, he or she starts looking for an easy exit: "Do not judge!" the wrongdoer crows, proudly and incorrectly using Matthew 7:1 to claim immunity from the discerning eyes of others.

I think we at Harding also claim immunity with Matthew 7:1, but in a different, though equally defensive, way: as a license for mediocrity.

"Do not judge!" we demand, shrinking from someone's comments on a performance or project. "Do not judge!" we snarl, our fragile egos scrambling desperately for cover. "Do not judge!" we shout, afraid of the knowledge that someone else might be more talented than we are.

It's natural for us to feel protective of our work. It's natural to want others to approve of what you do. The problem comes when our pride takes control and we hide from what we need the most to grow — constructive criticism.

I'm an English major, and I've definitely gotten a few papers back with more marks than my pride wanted to accept. When we have peer-editing days in my writing classes, I'll admit that at first it's difficult to listen to my critique and not get defensive. After all, these people are just other students. What do they know?



### Guest Room

Holly Henderson  
Staff writer

It's so easy, isn't it, to gripe about how unfair or stupid the criticism was? But look at that paper, or that test or that painting or whatever, long enough and a nagging guilt rises to the surface.

"Do not judge," we whimper defensively, knowing those "stupid comments" were right on target.

As scared as we are to let others honestly evaluate what we do, I think many of us are even more scared to criticize others. We want people to like us; to think we're nice.

And even when someone asks us to, it just doesn't seem nice to tell someone what he or she could improve.

So, to secure our nice-guy status, we assure each other we're all wonderful with a litany of occasional false compliments — "I liked that paper" or "You were so funny in that play!" or "You could totally get a record deal" sometimes replace our real opinions — and, as a result of our dishonesty, no one learns.

When we are threatened by someone's talent rather than encouraged by it, when we would rather be "nice" than help our brother or sister improve, when we give up all our standards so "good" always equals

"whatever you're doing," something is wrong.

All these problems are just symptoms of bigger illnesses; one called pride, the other, insecurity. Pride makes us value our image over our honesty and integrity. Insecurity makes us so unwilling to dissent that we sacrifice our beliefs and opinions to a lukewarm god of conformity.

I'm not proposing brutal putdowns for everything someone does or attacking each other for trying something new and not succeeding.

We are still Christians first, and destructive criticism is probably more harmful than a lack of criticism and certainly doesn't teach any more effectively. Reward attempts. Reward successes. But stop lying to each other.

It's really not so difficult. When someone asks your opinion, give it to him or her. Mix what you'd say behind their back with what you'd tell them face to face, toss it in a blender and serve it nicely chilled.

It'll go down smoother than your critical first response, but without the bitter aftertaste of hearing your true opinion second or third hand.

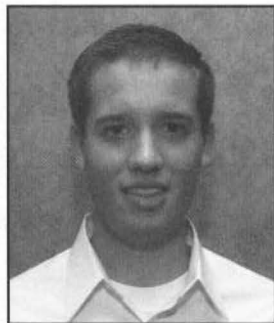
In order to encourage this spirit of constructive helpfulness, I will be glad to offer my ego for your critical practice. I can be reached at campus box 11740, so go ahead — drop me a note if you think I've missed the mark. Correct that obscure grammar error in paragraph four.

Tell me it might be wise to consider a new career. But, if you disagree with me, please don't just tell me I did a "good job."

## Speak out: What has been your most memorable experience during Induction Week?



"When Shantih members washed our feet Sunday night."  
**Sara Hurd,**  
freshman



"Being together with everybody and getting to know each other better."  
**Michael Fonville,**  
freshman



"My favorite memory is doing the dizzy bat contest at the the Silly Olympics Tuesday night."  
**Sara Gregersen,**  
sophomore



"Getting the signatures from the girls, because I like to meet girls."  
**Andrew Boswell,**  
freshman

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# Music department hosting three-day regional meeting

Kerri Biederman  
Staff writer

Voice teachers and music students from colleges and universities in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi will congregate on the Harding campus this weekend for a meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

The Department of Music is sponsoring the annual conference.

"It is an honor to have the conference at Harding for several reasons," said Dr. Arthur Shearin, who serves as auditions chair and competition host for the event. "We have many great facilities on campus and in Searcy to accommodate for the conference."

The three-day event brings in more than 300 students to perform in front of a panel of three judges. There are four winners selected from each of the 20 classes and categories. Twenty-one Harding students are entered.

"NATS is a really good practice for performance and good experience singing in front of other people," junior Abby Smith said. "This is my second year participating and I really appreciate the

"The NATS competition really prepares you for your musical adventures ahead. I am especially excited this year because we have the home-field advantage."

**Mark Sullivan, sophomore**

good, honest feedback from the judges. It will also be nice to host the event this year. We are used to performing in the facility, so the transition will be easier."

Second-year competitor Mark Sullivan is looking forward to the weekend.

"The NATS competition really prepares you for your musical adventures ahead," Sullivan, a sophomore, said. "I am especially excited this year because we have the home-field advantage."

Harding voice teachers Laura Eads, Neva White and Dr. Bill White, who is active in the voice community, are participating in the event. In conjunction with the

NATS conference are two public recitals.

The 2000 Artist Awards winner at the NATS competition, Vanessa Salaz, performed Thursday night. Salaz is an acclaimed solo soprano and has received many honors and distinctions for her talents.

Singer and comedienne Colleen Hughes Mallette will perform tonight at 7:30 in the Administration Auditorium. Mallette has a background in children's television and is widely known for her comedic operatic spoofs.

"Colleen gave a concert here at Harding and she was enthusiastically received," Shearin said. "We are excited to have her back."

Scott Carrell, assistant professor of music, will accompany Mallette. The concert is open to the public. General admission tickets are \$2.

"We are looking forward to the weekend," Shearin said. "It will be an exciting time for the music department."

For more information, contact Shearin at 279-4630.



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Delta Gamma Rho president Tamara Smith, a senior, signs a pledge book for freshman inductee Bronwyn Harwood-Nash. The club was preparing to have a devotional Tuesday in Harding Park.

## Club Pledge Week concludes tonight

Eric Foy  
Staff writer

Throughout Induction Week, social clubs at Harding subject their pledges to various initiation activities that highlight each pledge's loyalty to their prospective club.

The testing ends tonight as each club concludes Induction Week by welcoming those who have qualified as class one members. A week-long slate of induction activities began Monday.

In a change from previous years, bids went out at 7 p.m. Sunday, instead of 2 p.m.

Each club is permitted a total of four induction activity hours each day. An all-club devotional is scheduled to take place tonight at 6 in the Benson Auditorium — an earlier hour from the week's traditional 10 p.m. devotionals — leaving more time for final induction events later in the evening.

The university's Induction Review Team oversees the entire induction process. Consisting of 10 students (five men, five women) and nine faculty members, the purpose of the IRT is to help clubs plan induction activities and to ensure that no hazing takes place.

While the IRT does include faculty, chairman Jack Shock, associate

professor of communication, said the process is "student driven." He said students outnumber faculty on the IRT.

"It takes everyone pushing and pulling to make this thing work," he said.

Pledges are kept busy and are often asked to perform a number of odd tasks during the week. While most pledges will admit that Induction Week is stressful, some have tried to remain positive.

"It's a little stressful but a lot of fun," freshman Jamie Crumbaugh said.

Other pledges said they are looking forward to the end of Induction Week.

"The week has been long and it's only Tuesday," freshman Eddie Sexton said.

Some pledges said they think the week isn't as challenging as some portray it to be.

"It's not that hard," freshman Megan Merkle said.

With all of the induction activities that inductees have to go through, it would seem that Induction Week is hardest on them. However, Kappa Gamma Beta member Mace Thomas disagrees.

"Pledge week is just as hard on the current members as it is on the pledges," he said.

## Anthrax scare at ACU a hoax

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shut down sections of the campus and brought in a number of FBI officials to investigate the incident.

"The scare gave us a chance to test our response to that type of emergency," Michelle Morris, director of marketing and public relations for ACU, said. "It forced us to be a bit more cautious and a bit more skeptical. Although we would not have chosen for it happen, it produced a good outcome."

Morris said the letter in question, which displayed excessive postage, no return address, misspelled words and stains on its envelope — all flags for potential anthrax contamination as reported by the FBI and the postmaster general — contained no white powder, unlike other volatile letters that tested positive for the disease in New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.

While some employed at the Harding post office said they initially wore the protective gloves, many said they didn't think it was imperative.

"The majority of us chose not to wear them," said Billie Gibbins, who manages the federal post office. "We're paying attention to what we handle, but we felt we'd cause a stir if we wore them. We didn't want to alarm the students."

Harding officials maintain that, while anthrax may not be a serious threat to the university, it has forced them to better prepare for emergencies.

"We've taken precautions, but some instances have been blown out of proportion," said Craig Russell, Harding's security director. "There has only been one case of anthrax outside the East Coast — and no instances at colleges and universities. But we're trying to stay on top of it."



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# Wired for expansion

*Harding fills a major hole in curriculum with addition of first engineering program*

Sara Van Winkle  
Staff writer

One of the university's newest academic programs combines elements from the fields of computer science and electrical engineering to prepare students for one of the nation's fastest growing professions.

The computer-engineering program was instituted to accommodate a large number of requests from students and professionals seeking to enter the field of information technology, according to Tim Baird, chair of the department of computer science and computer engineering.

President David Burks said he was pleased with the program and was excited the university was able to offer students another segment of the fast-growing field.

Burks said the addition of this program would bring a select group of students to the campus.

"The whole area of information service is growing rapidly," Burks said. "I think it will bring some new students, but it's not going to be a huge number."

Baird said recently released information from the Department of Labor indicated that computer engineering was one of the "fastest growing professions requiring a bachelor's degree."

Currently, there are 156 computer science majors and 50 computer-engineering majors, he said.

"I'm very excited about it," Baird said.

Although the national drop rate for this program is 50 percent, Baird said that of the 25 freshmen that entered the program last year, 20 of those students are moving onto their sophomore year of courses.

"We haven't lost too many," he said. "They are just extremely bright and talented students."



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Sophomore Ben Taylor repairs a computer's circuits during a special lab for computer engineering majors. Harding's new computer-engineering program was instituted to accommodate a large number

of requests from students and professionals seeking to enter the field of information technology, according to Tim Baird, chair of the department of computer science and computer engineering.

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President David Burks

They are the sharpest students we've recruited."

Computer science involves the building of software, where electrical engineering converges with the building and designing of computer circuits and systems.

Computer engineering has greatly evolved over the last five to 10 years, Baird said.

Students in the program take computer science courses and electrical engineering courses in order to receive the computer en-

gineering degree, he said, adding the students take their first engineering classes in the sophomore year.

Since the computer science program was already in place, half the new program was up and running, Baird said.

"We just had to build the labs," he said, referring to a group of new temporary labs located in what used to be the recording studio in the rear of the Claud Rogers Lee Building.

Fifteen stations, at \$2,000 a

seat, and the necessary equipment are located in the labs.

According to Baird, there are plans to add five more stations within the next two years. There is also a classroom.

Bob Douglas, professor of computer engineering, sought early retirement from the University of Memphis to help Harding begin the new program.

Baird estimated that Douglas could possibly be involved with the Harding program for another four or five years.

Both Frank McCown, associate instructor of computer science, and Dana Steil, a computer science instructor, have offices in the Lee Building, along with Douglas.

Steil is currently taking some of the courses for the program and hopes to teach in both areas of the program.

When fully staffed, Baird said that three additional instructors would be needed to teach electrical engineering courses.

Because of the department's recent growth, Baird hopes that a current proposal to construct a building to house the computer science, education and math departments is successful, Baird said.

"By letting us be a part of the new building, it shows the support for the program," he said. "If the proposal comes through, it means all new labs and classrooms in a few years."

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Bob Douglas, who retired from the University of Memphis last May, recently moved to Searcy to help Harding begin a computer engineering program.

## Douglas leads first engineering program

Scarlett Rea  
Staff writer

This year Harding has not only grown in student size, but in departments as well. Harding's newest addition is the computer engineering program, headed by Professor Robert Douglas.

Douglas, who retired from teaching at the University of Memphis last May, was recruited to begin a computer-engineering program at Harding. Although this is his first year at the university, Douglas is no stranger to Arkansas. He attended high school in Wilson, and then served in the Air Force for four years. He then majored in electrical engineering at the University of Mississippi. While in

"We have a good start for this program and for the future."

### Dr. Bob Douglas, professor of computer engineering

graduate school at the University of Houston, Douglas first became interested in teaching. He graduated in 1967.

Douglas moved to Houston where he worked for an oil company and for NASA, during the days of the Apollo space missions, at what is now known as the Johnson Space Center. During his time at NASA, Douglas had an opportunity to take part in the administration's communication

systems and to work on the Lunar Module — the part of the ship that actually landed on the moon.

After working on spaceships, Douglas moved back to Mississippi and got into the ship building business on the Gulf Coast building destroyers. Douglas then returned to the University of Memphis where he taught for 21 years until his recent retirement. Douglas' wife Reta is teaching English classes at Harding.

"There are any number of jobs in electrical engineering out there," Douglas said.

He is working on helping his 50 students developing the skills that employers want — keeping abreast of the computer field and using problem solving skills.

"We have a good start for this program and for the future," Douglas said.

# Graduate degree program in school counseling planned

Cathy Benton  
Staff writer

Harding will soon begin offering a new graduate program for area teachers who want to become involved in the field of school guidance counseling.

According to Jenene Alexander, the program's director, the two-year, 45-hour degree will be available beginning in January. Licensed teachers with at least one year of experience qualify for the program, she said.

"The purpose of the program is to train licensed counselors who can be employed in elementary and secondary schools," Alexander said. "Along with that, we're providing a program that allows students to apply for a private license and become a licensed professional counselor."

Alexander said the program was started due to a high demand from area schools seeking a program for school counseling from a Christian university. Requests were also made from people who wanted to attend graduate school at Harding, but also

wanted a school counseling degree, she said.

The degree will allow the student to become a counselor in schools, as well as prepare them for licensed professional counselor certification, Alexander said.

Both practicums and internships will be held in an area school setting to prepare future school counselors, she said.



Alexander

"This is a program that has been requested for several years by area schools and Harding graduates," Alexander said. "We've been working on it for two years, but it's been an idea for a long time."

Currently, Arkansas state law requires each campus to have access to a licensed counselor. However, more and more states are also requiring access to licensed counselors, she said.

"If it is a mandate [to have campus access to a counselor], it would be wonderful if they were Christian," Alexander said.

Although the program will not begin for another two months, there are at least 10 students enrolled in

the program, and information is being sent out to other prospective students each week, Alexander said.

"I checked other comparable programs, but Harding seemed to be geared more towards professional teachers already in the business," said Brenda Phillips, a fourth grade teacher from Eastside Elementary School at Cabot. "To a degree, all teachers are counselors, and I think this program will provide me with more in-depth instruction."

Phillips, a teacher for 15 years, said she decided to enroll in the program after Dr. Tony Finley, dean of the College of Education, visited her school and unveiled the program to its teachers. She will take classes at Harding on a part-time basis to work towards the degree.

"After Dr. Finley told us about the program, I thought to myself 'Why not? ... here's my chance,'" Phillips said. "I'd been thinking about going back to school for some time. This is a good opportunity for me."

For more information on the program, contact Alexander at 279-4150.



Jeremy Beauchamp / The Bison

Sherry Organ, assistant professor of English, discusses different writing opportunities for college students with her Writing Nonfiction class Tuesday. The course is one of three new writing classes planned by the English department.

## Three new English department offerings train aspiring writers

Cathy Benton  
Staff writer

In an effort to better prepare aspiring writers at Harding for careers in the publishing world, the English department has added three new writing classes to its catalog.

Writing Nonfiction is being offered this fall and will continue to be available to students during the fall of odd-numbered years. This semester, there are currently 20 undergraduate and five graduate students taking the course, which emphasizes writing nonfiction for publication.

The goal is to write better creative nonfiction using a literary style, according to Sherry Organ, the class's instructor. Students are also trying to get the work they complete as part of the class published, Organ said.

"I enjoy writing; it's a possibility as far as something I would like to do to earn money," said Karl Kukta, a graduate student enrolled in the class, "I thought the class would be something to help enhance my skills."

The class was created due to student demand, Organ said, and is designed to help student writers get published.

"I would like to be a better writer," junior Yahna Moss said. "I had hoped when I came to Harding to have a writing minor, so I plan to take as many writing classes as possible."

By charging her students to write to specific markets, each should be armed with publishable material at the end of the semester.

"I've sent out one of the articles that was set up to be published, the other two I'm working on and

I'll send them out when I'm satisfied with them," Kukta said.

Moss plans to send a majority of her class work to various publications.

"I sent a story to 'YM' magazine," Moss said, "I plan to send everything in; it's just a matter of sitting down and getting everything out. ... This class has broadened my spectrum of writing. I've never tried to write nonfiction before, so it's broadened my horizons."

The former creative writing class was split to meet more specific interests. The two new classes are Writing Poetry and Writing Fiction. The creative writing course once handled both genres.

Writing Fiction will be offered this spring and Writing Poetry will be offered during the spring of odd years.

The poetry class emphasizes poetry writing in a workshop format, where students critique each other's work. The fiction writing class offers a chance to write prose fiction in a workshop format, as well.

Students interested in writing find the nonfiction class offers them a chance to refine their writing skills.

"I'm gaining an awareness of the areas in my writing that I need help on, and I'm gaining access to the tools to enhance my writing," Kukta said.

Students find that the best way to improve writing is to practice and take advantage of the opportunities provided for them at Harding. The new writing classes offer more practice and more experience, Organ said.

"The more things I'm better at the more likely I am to be paid to write," Kukta said.

## A 'Bison' on the sidelines



Jeremy Beauchamp / The Bison

Young visitors to Harding line up to pet Harvey Wallbanger Jr. during last weekend's Homecoming game against the University of West Alabama. The Bisons were victorious, defeating the Tigers, 44-10, at their last home game of the season. The football team wraps up its season at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia.

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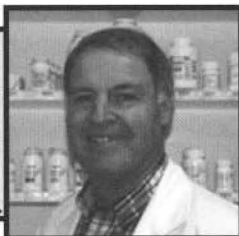
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## Women will enjoy 'Diaries'



### In Review

Holly Henderson  
Staff writer

Disney's "The Princess Diaries," which plays this week in the Benson, is not a guy movie. So girls, if you're looking for a compromise flick that you and your guy friends can see happily, keep looking. But guys, if you're searching for an opportunity to impress a girl with your sensitivity, look no further — agreeing to see this candy-coated girl fest will no doubt help your cause.

"The Princess Diaries" will play this Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. Admission is \$2 or free with the Pass.

There's not really anything new to this story: nerdy, frizzy-haired girl in glasses gets transformed into a sleek-haired, contact lens-wearing beauty; everyone suddenly notices her and she must choose between her new and old friends. With that

... The characters are likable, the plot is entertaining and ... it's a fun, sweet story

said, director Garry Marshall (who also helmed such films as "Runaway Bride," "Beaches" and Pretty Woman) does add some quirky twists to the tried-and-true plot.

The central character, awkward 15-year-old Mia Thermopolis (Anne Hathaway), discovers early in the movie that she is the heir to the throne of Genovia, a fictional country she never even knew existed. Her elegant grandmother, Queen Clarisse Renaldi (Julie Andrews), arrives to remove her from her mundane life (which includes such boring things as sliding down a fire pole to get to the living room) and to teach her to rule a country. Judging by the lessons Mia gets, ruling a country requires only that she have excellent table manners and perfect hair, but that's beside the point. Now that Mia knows her true place, she has several decisions to make: Will she accept the throne? How should she handle her newfound popularity and all the publicity?

A nice cast of supporting characters rounds out the story. Caroline Goodall as a free-spirited, but supportive, parent convincingly plays the mother who chose not to mention her daughter's royal lineage. Mia's father, who died when she was young, is nearly as much a developed character as the others in the film, since her connection to the throne is through him. He has also left behind a series of gifts and letters for Mia, which pop up at opportune times to guide her choices.

At school, Mia's quirky, opinionated best friend Lilly (Heather Matarazzo) stands by her and defends her against popular cheerleader Lana (singer Mandy Moore, in her movie debut) and her friends.

"The Princess Diaries" isn't innovative filmmaking or brilliant storytelling, but the characters are likable, the plot is entertaining and, overall, it's a fun, sweet story — a nice alternative to the gross-out teen comedy market.

## Film Studies brings weekly movies

Vicki Cupper  
Staff writer

While most students use their Friday nights to hang out at McCain Mall in North Little Rock or the local movie theater, a small group of students choose to spend the first night of their weekend in the Reynolds Center watching classic movies.

The Harding Film Studies Association was formed as a club in the English department by former student Rick Fought. English faculty members Ken Hammes and John Williams were the original sponsors.

The club was inspired by the Film as Literature course. In the class, film is studied as a collaborative art form. Students watch movies, discuss film history and talk about how films are made. They also discuss what makes a good film.

The club meets every Friday night in Reynolds C202 at 7:30 to watch classic movies like "Mr. Roberts" or new classics like "Star Wars." Afterwards, they discuss what they did or did not like about the movie.

"The club's kind of opened me up about movies," President Kayla Williams said.

To decide what movies are shown, Williams handed out a questionnaire at the first meeting asking members what movies they wanted to see. Then she and the officers got together and drew their semester list from it.

"I tried to mix it up this semester ... I wanted a wide variety of movies," Williams said.

This semester's list of movies ranged from the funny and irreverent "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" to the dark and mysterious "Citizen Kane."

Vice president Rachel Rozmarynowycz will take over as acting president when

### Film Studies schedule

**Tonight: "Psycho" (1960)**  
The ultimate Hitchcock thriller about a man who loves his mother a little too much.

**Nov. 30: "Harold and Maude" (1972)**  
A man enters a May-December romance with a much older woman and learns an important life lesson.

**Dec. 7: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2001)**  
Three bumbling convicts escape from prison to go on a quest for treasure and meet various characters while learning where their real fortune lies.

— Vicki Cupper

Williams leaves for Harding University in Greece in the spring.

"I've heard from other people in club, and ... we'll get to watch a bunch more classic movies next semester," Rozmarynowycz, a sophomore English major, said.

Some people did not join just for the classics.

"It gives me something to do on Friday night, and I get to see films I haven't seen before like 'Life is Beautiful,'" said David Harvey, a sophomore computer science major.

Watching movies is not all the group does. At least once every semester, they have a double feature and a pizza party, and in April the club plans on going to Batesville for a foreign film festival.

"We're all big fans of movies, and we just wanted to watch them together," Williams said. "If anybody wants to join, all they have to do is show up."

For more information about the club, call Dr. Ken Hammes at 279-4628.

## Getting squirrely



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This familiar critter takes some time out from his busy schedule for some deep introspection on the front lawn. The squirrels of Harding provide numerous distractions for both students and bored photographers.

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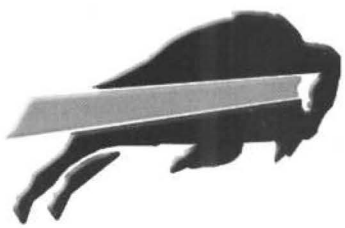
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## Cross country advances to Nationals

*After placing first in South Regional Championships, Bisons and Lady Bisons look to final meet*

Emily Sane  
Staff writer

With each race the Bison and Lady Bison cross country teams run, they advance closer to their ultimate finish line — the NCAA Division II National Championships in Slippery Rock, PA.

Both teams won the South Regional Championships in Atlanta Nov. 3 — wins that qualified the Bisons and Lady Bisons for the national championships Nov. 17.

The South Regional Championships marked another accomplishment to add to the teams' 2001 seasons.

"We expected to win, and we won," coach Bryan Phillips said. "The week prior to the regional championships, both teams were ranked No. 1, and I expected the same success at this competition."

After becoming the third team in Gulf South Conference history to defend its conference title earlier in the season, the Bisons were not strangers as they entered the South Regional Championships. The men placed runners in three of the top four positions of the 10K race, topping the field with 31 points.

Freshman Jacob Rotich cruised into the individual region champion position in 31:15.97. Rotich was named the South Regional Player of the Year.

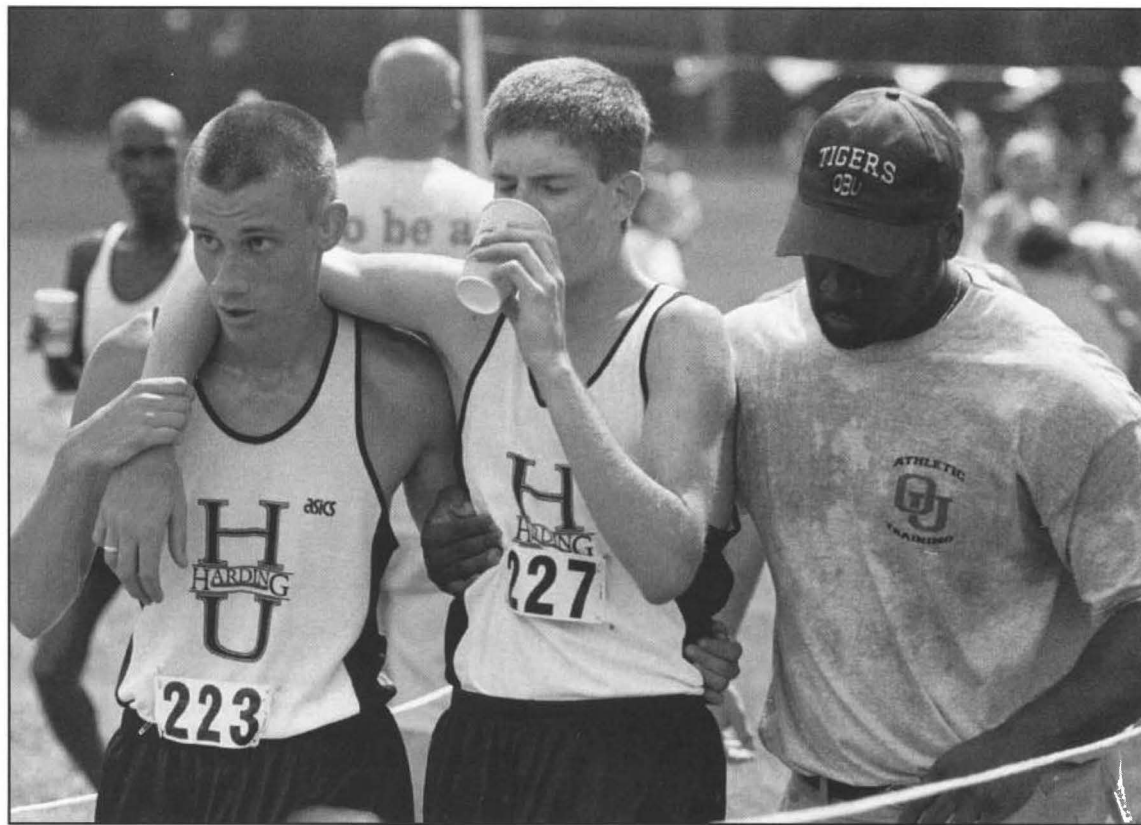
The Lady Bisons were not strangers at the South Regional Championships either, as they became only the fourth team in GSC history to defend its conference title. However, the 6K race demonstrated tight competition as runners from seven schools broke into the top 10 positions.

Sophomore Hanna Ritakallio finished the race with a time of 21:46.27, placing her in second place. With Ritakallio's help, the Lady Bisons won the championship by nine points over Florida Southern University.

Phillips received the honor of being named South Regional Coach of the Year for both the Bisons and Lady Bisons.

Both teams are looking to conclude their seasons with success at the national championships. Phillips believes the teams' expectations will continue to carry them toward victory.

"I hope to finish as high as possible at the national championships," Phillips said. "Based on our season's success, the men should finish in the Top 10, and



Daniel Dubois / Petit Jean

**Two Bison cross country runners** help each other off the course at a recent meet. The men's team is currently ranked 10th in the nation and won the Southern Regional Championships. The Bisons had three runners place in the top four at the South Regional Championship meet last weekend. Sophomore Jacob Rotich finished first.

the women should finish in the Top 15. I am looking for great things."

Phillips said he hopes for con-

tinued success at the national championships, as well as in the future.

"I have high expectations for next year, also," Phillips said. "We

will have four strong men returning and all but one girl returning. Next year should prove successful."

## Bisons win 12th consecutive Homecoming

Ryan Cook  
Editor

After a 51-17 loss to No. 1 Valdosta State Oct. 13, the Bisons held a 1-5 record and little hope for a respectable season.

"Ever since our Valdosta game, we've had our goal set to win our last four," coach Randy Tribble said. "We felt like that was an achievable goal for us. It's been added to every week."

Now, riding a three-game Gulf South Conference winning streak which includes a 43-31 upset of then-No. 11 West Georgia, Harding enters Saturday's 2 p.m. season finale at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia with a realistic shot at achieving a .500 record and finishing as high as a tie for fifth place in the conference.

It will be the Tigers' Homecoming game, a fact which does not have Tribble worried.

"We know that they want to

beat us really bad," Tribble said. "We're the only two private schools that play football in the state, and we've had a good rivalry."

OBU's (2-7 overall, 1-7 GSC) two wins have been over two of Harding's victims — a 31-13 win at West Alabama and a 41-13 victory against Henderson State. The Tigers will try to rebound from a 56-14 loss to Valdosta State and avoid their 11th consecutive loss to Harding.

Tribble said OBU has a strong ground game.

"They have a couple of running backs who are pretty good," Tribble said. "... They've [also] improved their passing game."

The Bisons (4-5, 4-4) looked dominant last Saturday at First Security Stadium in a 44-10 victory over last-place West Alabama (1-9, 0-8). It was Harding's 12th straight Homecoming win.

"I'm happy to get a win,"

Tribble said. "It being Homecoming just made it that much better. It's always an edge to have a good crowd like that."

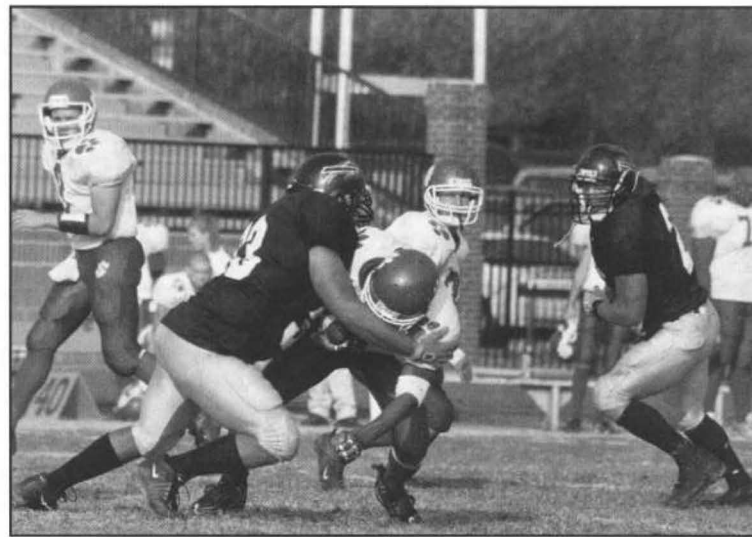
Harding ran up 347 yards rushing. Junior tailback Robert Lolohea led the way 209 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries, the sixth-best rushing total in school history.

"It felt really good," Lolohea said. "The [offensive] line did a terrific job opening up holes for me."

Lolohea's nine-yard touchdown run started the scoring with 9:39 left in the first quarter. A 41-yard pass from sophomore Freddie Langston to freshman Tobias Brown set up the score.

Sophomore Coy Nance served notice that everything would go Harding's way with a 50-yard field goal that barely cleared the crossbar later in the quarter.

Senior fullback Jason Sneed scored the first of three touchdowns with a 10-yard run down the middle of the Tiger defense on the first play of the second quarter. Lolohea added his second score before the half on a 21-yard run.



Jeremy Beauchamp / The Bison

**A Bison defender tackles a West Alabama player** at Saturday's game. The Bison defense had five sacks during the game and currently leads the Gulf South Conference in sacks.

In addition to holding UWA to 149 total yards, the Bison defense maintained its GSC-leading pace with five sacks.

"We are number one in the league in quarterback sacks," Tribble said. "That's something our defense is proud of and has worked really hard to achieve."

Sophomore Santiago Collins,

who was named a candidate for the Harlon Hill Award — the Division II version of the Heisman Trophy — last week, was only able to catch one pass for 14 yards as the Bisons focused on their running game.

"We felt like we would really be able to run the ball," Tribble said. "... We didn't need to throw it much. Plus, Tiago had been sick all week, so he wasn't probably at full strength. ... He still added to the victory, he just didn't get the regular number of catches."

Harding lost four fumbles, a fact which Tribble sees as something to work on.

"We definitely need to get that in hand before this next week," Tribble said. "It's something that you try to be mindful of and you try to do the kind of drill work to keep that from happening."



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## Bisons in Brief

### Football (4-5, 4-4 GSC)

Won Saturday vs. West Alabama, 44-10.

Junior Robert Lolohea rushed for 209 yards on 20 carries, including two touchdowns.

Sophomore Coy Nance kicked a career-best 50-yard field goal. The win was the Bisons' 12th consecutive Homecoming victory.

Next game: Saturday at Ouachita Baptist at 2 p.m.

### Volleyball (24-12, 9-3 GSC)

Won Friday vs. Lyon College, 3-0.

The Lady Bisons played before a record 727 fans. Sophomore Veronica Piech led the team with 15 kills and 15 digs. The ladies secured a third seed in the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

Next match: At GSC Tournament in Arkadelphia Saturday vs. Montevallo.

### Men's Basketball (0-0, 0-0 GSC)

The Bisons are ranked fourth in the Gulf South Conference preseason poll.

Their season begins Nov. 16 vs. Jarvis Christian at 4 p.m.

### Women's Basketball (0-0, 0-0 GSC)

The Lady Bisons are ranked seventh in the Gulf South Conference preseason poll.

Their season begins Nov. 16 at the Lyon Classic tournament.

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

The Bisons and Lady Bisons finished first at the South Regional Championships Saturday.

The men are currently ranked 10th in the nation. Freshman Jacob Rotich finished first in the men's race. Sophomore Hanna Ritakallio finished second in the women's race. The teams advance to the national championships in Pennsylvania Nov. 17.

# Volleyball team qualifies for Gulf South Tournament

Brandi Kelly  
Staff writer

The Lady Bison volleyball team ended its regular season with victories against Ouachita Baptist University and Lyon College last Thursday and Friday.

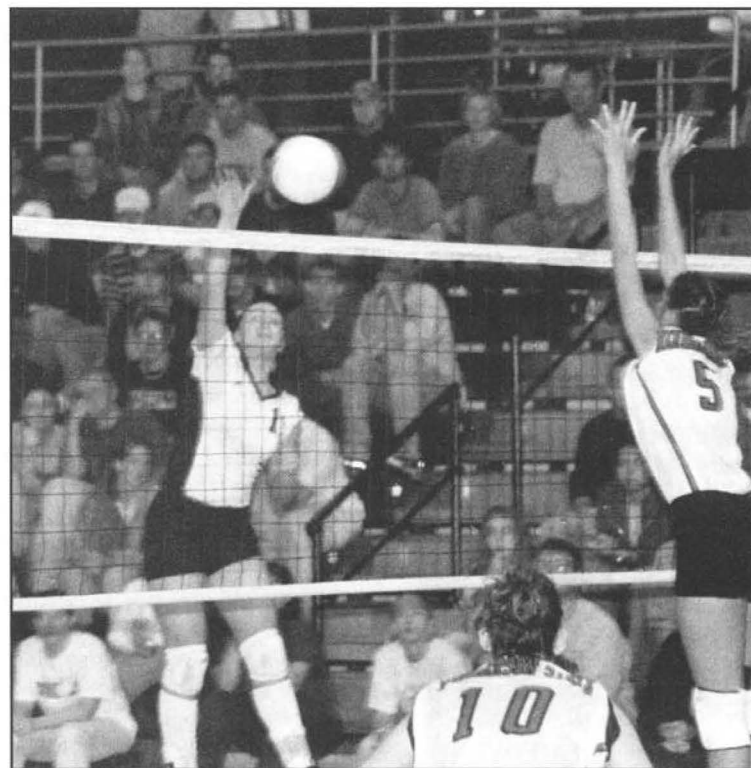
The Lady Bisons ended their season 24-12 and are now in postseason play. They move on to the Gulf South Conference Tournament as the West Division's third-seed. They will play Montevallo, the East Division's second-seed, Saturday in Arkadelphia at 12:30 p.m.

"We are excited to be going to the playoffs," coach Keith Giboney said. "That was one of our goals from the beginning. We competed well throughout conference play and now we hope to perform like we are capable in the conference tournament."

The Lady Bisons win against Ouachita Baptist was the ladies' shortest match of the season. Their 3-0 victory came in a little more than an hour.

There were four Lady Bisons with double-digit kills. Junior Leslie Hollingsworth led the pack with 13, while freshman Kate Kennedy had 12, and sophomore Shaila Farley had the team's only double-double with 10 kills and a team-best 10 digs. Sophomore Veronica Piech also had 10 kills.

The Lady Bisons' last home match against Lyon College was played before a record 727 fans



Jeremy Beauchamp / The Bison

Sophomore Veronica Piech jumps to send a spike back towards an opposing player. The ladies finished their regular season at 24-12 and begin postseason play Saturday against Montevallo in Arkadelphia at 12:30 p.m.

in the Rhodes Friday night.

Piech carried home 15 kills, and had a team-high 15 digs to lead the victory over Lyon College, 3-0. Lyon College fell to 9-18 for the season.

Piech started the match by recording seven kills in 10 attempts with no errors in game one. She followed with five kills in game two and three more in the third game, bringing her total to 15.

Farley extended her defensive

double-digit dig streak to 19 consecutive matches with 10 digs on Friday night. Every Lady Bison player had at least one dig for the match.

"The season has gone great," Giboney said. "Being so young, we did not know what to expect, but the team has talent, came together amazingly well and represented our school well. They are competitive and fun to watch with the potential to do great things."



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### Tie-Breaker: NCAA Football

Guess the winner and exact score of Saturday's game

\_\_\_\_\_ **Harding @ Ouachita Baptist** \_\_\_\_\_

Last week's winner: **Jeremy Gillson**

\* Editor's picks are in bold.

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**Out in  
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Rodney  
Keeton

The editors will edit you,  
as producers cut your bit,  
and they'll never see  
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The secrets that you hold inside  
no one will ever know,  
like a golf ball tracking  
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Let us learn from you a lesson,  
the example we've all lacked,  
like the time you got up smiling,  
even though your skull got cracked.

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Sweet cameraman!

Your pain we cannot feel,  
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